



Docket No. 008-40

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	Group Art Unit:	2664
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Stephan Gehring et al.	)	Examiner:	Chirag G. Shah
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Serial No.:	)		
09/393,122	)	Confirmation No.:	2263
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Filed:	)		
September 10, 1999	)		
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For:	)		
AN APPARATUS AND	)		
METHOD FOR	)		
MANAGING VARIABLE-	)		
SIZE DATA SLOTS	)		
WITHIN A TIME DIVISION	)		
MULTIPLE ACCESS	)		
FRAME	)		

Carlsbad, California  
December 7, 2004

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated September 8, 2004, a response to which is due December 8, 2004, the following amendments and remarks are submitted for the Examiner's consideration.